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## WHERE WAS G-D DURING THE HOLOCAUST???

Where was G-d during the Holocaust is not asked, but rather it is said by those who were skeptical, years before Hitler. But at that time and place, it was not popular to say, "as far as tradition, I am more sophisticated than my old man and less gullible than grandma."

Whereas those of us who respect our roots and believe and revere G-d do not blame Him for a tragic loss, or for a good investment that went sour, nor for a painful divorce.

On November 17, 1983, Ted Koppel, on the Nightline program, interviewed the effect of divorce on spouses, grandparents, teenagers and children. Among children, one eight-year old boy said, "I wish there were no judges, so my parents would not have divorced." Well, as adults, we know more than to blame the judge for the divorce, and yet, we hate the policeman for giving us a ticket for speeding. The non-believers will complain the loudest, "Why did G-d give me herpes or AIDS?"

What is the difference between a Jewish atheist and a Christian atheist? Answer: The Jewish atheist has a stronger and longer list of grievances against G-d.

God does not choose to make magic when I feel He ought to. Would you prefer that G-d should intervene with magic when you cheat or steal or eat trefeh or desecrate two or six of the Ten Commandments? Nowadays many say, "If we could only witness a miracle, similar to miracles we read at the Seder table, I would believe the entire Torah." Well, the very same people who had witnessed the Ten Plagues, the Exodus from Egypt, the splitting of the Red Sea, and then heard the Ten Commandments, made the Golden Calf only forty days later.

Instead of saying "Where was G-d," we should say, "Where were the men of the 20th century?" There were a few, very, very few non-Jews who took the risk to hide some Jews, and saved their lives. But, but, there was a ship named the St. Louis loaded

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with Jews, who had escaped Germany and made it across the Atlantic Ocean, all the way to the shores of the USA. President Franklin Roosevelt did not let them land and told Cuba (that was years before Castro), not to let them in either. So a boat-load of Jews had to return from the shores of the United States back to Germany, to be taken to the crematorium.

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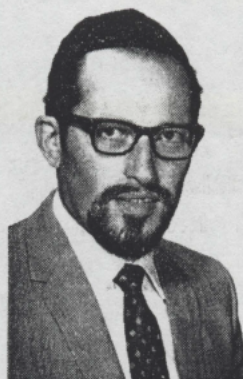
P.S. New York Times editorial, June 9th, 1939. "The cruise of the St. Louis cries to high heaven of man's inhumanity to man:" 907 refugees including 200 children were ~~forced by the State Department~~ to sail back from the shore of Florida to the crematorium. Five years later, towards the end of the war, American allowed in several thousand refugees.

P.S.S. Most of the Hungarians, Polish, Ukrainian, and others helped the Germans with eager enthusiasm to chase, beat and kill the Jews.

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